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In re Application of:	)	
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For: MULTI-DIMENSIONAL MANAGEMENT)	)	
METHOD AND SYSTEM	)	

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Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(d), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(c) but on or before the payment of the issue fee for the above-identified application. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), a fee of \$180.00, as specified by § 1.17(p) is due for filing this IDS. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this \$180.00 fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

The non-US patent documents listed in this Information Disclosure Statement were cited in an Office Action from the Japanese Patent Office dated April 13, 2010, in a counterpart Japanese patent application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action, an English translation of the Japanese Office Action, and the listed Japanese references are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration.

The Japanese Office Action also cited JP 11-219346, which was previously submitted on August 3, 2001 and will not be listed on the present PTO Form 1449.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notation on the attached PTO Form 1449.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English documents listed:

1. JP 8-297695: The relevance of this document may be ascertained from the figures therein, the English Abstract, and the English translation of the Japanese Office Action.
2. JP 6-282578: The relevance of this document may be ascertained from the figures therein, the English Abstract, and the English translation of the Japanese Office Action.
3. JP 11-259564: The relevance of this document may be ascertained from the figures therein, the English Abstract, and the English translation of the Japanese Office Action.
4. JP 9-160979: The relevance of this document may be ascertained from the figures therein, the English Abstract, and the English translation of the Japanese Office Action.

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Respectfully submitted,

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